

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

Letters to the Editor

Our First President
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—A few weeks ago there appeared in several newspapers throughout the country a quotation from a distinguished professor of the Columbia University which said that "George Washington was not the first President of the United States." While this authority's statement might have been accompanied by substantial reason in his original address, it was the absence of the latter in print which brought forth comment from numerous individuals, who, by virtue of their hasty perusal of this Nation's history, were ignorant of an excuse for such an avowal. The writer makes an attempt, therefore, to bring to light the foundation of this learned man's assertion.

Unacquainted After Two Years
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—It has been almost two years since I came to Philadelphia, and I am sorry to say that it is next to the impossible to become acquainted in this city. When I go back home on little trips and tell this to my folks they are amazed and put the blame on me, but any one who has come from out of town to live here will tell you the same thing.

Is Ours Really a "City of Brotherly Love"?
It is not for the purpose of dissecting the advantages and failings of Philadelphia that I take my quill pen in hand, as I have lived in a dozen different cities and am here but temporarily, and ere long Philadelphia will soon be to me just what St. Louis is today—a memory. My purpose rather in inditing this learned document is to take a snap at the half-wise dummies who speak derisively of the "Gopher Prairies" of this land.

Can They Save Uncle Bim?
Pleads for Uncle Bim
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Please ask Sidney Smith, who has amused us so much with "The Gumps," in fact plead with him, not to allow Uncle Bim to marry. It would take all the joy out of our lives if the dear old soul from Australia should be roped in, with Andy and Min in such a frame of mind. Andy, would we feel, be unable to stand the strain of such a calamity. How in the world would Min get on with no Andy to nag; or how could we survive without the daily altercations of this delightful pair?

Wants Aunt Martha for Bim's Wife
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Please hand the following to Sidney Smith, "The Gumps" cartoonist.
Dear Mr. Smith—
Having read faithfully every night the love affair of Uncle Bim, I would like to say that I do not approve of Uncle Bim marrying Mrs. Zander.

Questions Answered
Principal Ports of France
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Please tell me the principal ports of France.
Philadelphia, December 29, 1921.
The principal ports of France are Havre, Bordeaux and Dunkirk on the Atlantic, and Marseilles, on the Mediterranean coast. Others are Calais, Boulogne, Cherbourg, Brest, Dieppe and St. Nazaire.

"A White Elephant"
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Why does one speak of something not wanted as a white elephant?
Philadelphia, January 2, 1922.
It was the custom of the King of Siam to send a white elephant to a courtier whose fortune he wished to destroy; hence something one has and does not know what to do with.

"On silent wings of night" it softly steals
Also name the author.
MRS. D. M. WASHINGTON
Philadelphia, December 30, 1921.
"Ours is a city of brotherly love"
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Where can the poem containing the following lines be obtained and who is the author?
"Ours is a city of brotherly love,
And less what nature found us,
For life hath here no charms so dear
As home and friends around us."
A. A. BROWNING
Lancaster, Pa., December 31, 1921.

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